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NMA Welcomes Bi-Partisan Bill to Block EPA from Raising Energy Costs, Unemployment Rate

National Mining Association (NMA) President and CEO Hal Quinn issued the following statement in support of the "Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011," the bi-partisan bill introduced in Congress today by Senate Environment and Public Works Committee ranking member James Inhofe (R-Okla.), House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton (R-Mich.), House Agriculture Committee ranking member Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) and Energy and Power Subcommittee Chairman Ed Whitfield (R-Ky.) that would block the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating greenhouse gas emissions from large stationary sources.

"EPA's ill-considered regulation, if left unchallenged, will drive up electricity bills for consumers and basic industry and set back efforts to create jobs and economic opportunity. That's why this bill is necessary. It will protect hundreds of thousands of households and businesses that rely heavily on coal-based generation for affordable electricity. It provides clear certainty to manufacturing industries and power companies reluctant to expand capacity or their workforce out of the understandable fear of higher costs from EPA's regulatory mandates and impractical compliance deadlines.

"Congress, reflecting the wishes of the American people, has repeatedly declined to pursue a course of action that EPA insists on pursuing when less damaging options for continuing the nation's environmental progress are readily available. This bill puts elected representatives back in charge and common sense back in government. It removes a major threat to the economic recovery and an obstacle to achieving more balanced solutions to the country's energy and environmental needs."

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The National Mining Association (NMA) is the voice of the American mining industry in Washington, D.C. Membership includes more than 325 corporations involved in all aspects of coal and solid minerals production including coal, metal and industrial mineral producers, mineral processors, equipment manufacturers, state mining associations, bulk transporters, engineering firms, consultants, financial institutions and other companies that supply goods and services to the mining industry.

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